

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is an example of media manipulation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get less democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to be based on public interest and past performance of a fair and balanced media.

Thank you.

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